



Winter-Spring
2012

PRESCHOOL POSSIBILITIES




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For more information or a full list of programs, contact the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at (812) 349-3700 or visit us online at www.bloomington.in.gov/parks.

How to register: REGISTER ONLINE at www.bloomington.in.gov/parks or STOP BY the office at 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250 (in City Hall).  Like us on Facebook! Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department

Inclusive Approach to Recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake, CTRS, for details: (812) 349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

MONDAYS

Toy Time for Babies

The Banneker Community Center is brimming with toys and activities for your baby, and comfortable carpeting and chairs for you! Bring your baby and play anytime during the 2½ hours we are open. Siblings up to age 5 yrs. are welcome. Babies are also invited to Toy Time for Toddlers, Tu–F from 9:30 a.m.–Noon and Physical Fridays, F from 10 a.m.–Noon.

M 9:30 a.m.–Noon

FREE • For ages newborn–5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Turf Time for Toddlers



When your toddler or preschool child hits our turf, they will be ready to run and play! Our indoor turf field provides you and your young child with ample space to run, play on our obstacle course, and practice ball throwing and kicking skills. This free-time play is parent supervised while the TLRC provides all the equipment for an hour of healthy physical play. Check our monthly calendar for special Turf Time days when we'll have the bounce house and specially scheduled games. *This is parent/guardian or caretaker supervised program.*

TLRC staff does not supervise this area during the program and children cannot be dropped off without a parent/guardian or caretaker. For more information, call Kirsten Prange at 349-3770.

M, W 1/4–4/25 • 9:30–10:30 a.m.

\$5, FREE for TLRC members.

For ages 1–6 yrs. w/parent.

**Twin Lakes Recreation Center,
1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.**

Class does not meet 3/12 or 3/14.



Planes, Trains, and DADDYmobiles

See Tuesdays.

TUESDAYS

Toy Time for Toddlers

Walk, jump, or hop into the spacious third floor of the Banneker Community Center. Meet other parents while your toddler plays with a variety of toys geared toward active preschoolers. You will also find educational materials on the latest topics in child development. Younger siblings are welcome!

Tu–F 9:30 a.m.–Noon

Th 2–4 p.m.

FREE • For ages 2–5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.



Kindermusik Sampler

Tuesday, January 10 • 5:45–7 p.m.

Saturday, January 14 • 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

FREE • For ages newborn–5 yrs. w/parent.

Get a sample of our specialty classes. Instructor Lisa Bruns gives free, interactive demonstrations of Signing Babies, Kindermusik's Our Time for Toddlers and Lisa's specially created Music Capers for Preschoolers.

Leapin' Literature Story Hour

Storybooks come to life the second Wednesday of the month. Crafts, games, and making new friends enhance the richness of children's literature. Each Story Hour has a theme and planned activities.

1/11 Snow Bunnies

2/8 Loving Valentines

3/14 Spring is in the Air

4/11 Growing a Garden

W 10–11 a.m.

FREE • For ages 2–5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Planes, Trains, and DADDYmobiles



Ready, set, go with a pile of wood scraps and creative energy! Dads, grandads, uncles, and men bring your sons and daughters for an evening of designing, hammering, and building! Materials are included.

Tu 1/31 • 6–7 p.m. • Register by 1/27 (Code 17505-A)

M 3/26 • 6–7 p.m. • Register by 3/22 (Code 17505-B)

\$5/child • For ages 3–6 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Soccer Sport Shorties



The indoor turf field at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center is the ideal place for preschool athletes to learn the basic skills of team soccer! Athletes will take part in fun, recreational drills to develop kicking, passing, and ball handling skills in this weekly program. Registration fee includes a T-shirt.

Tu 2/7–3/6 • 10–11 a.m. • Register by 2/2 (Code 17507-A)

\$30/in-city, \$35/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Music Capers for Preschoolers

Research supports that music helps prepare the mind for specific disciplines of learning, including math, science, and language. Music Capers combines early childhood educational philosophies with fundamentals of music education and preschool concepts. Using the power of music, tap into your preschooler's creative spirit and boundless energy. Focus on developing self-confidence so your preschooler will be ready for school and prepared for future music lessons. Instructor: Lisa Bruns

Tu 2/7–5/1 • 4:45–5:30 p.m.

Register by 2/6 (Code 17504-A)

\$90/in-city, \$100/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Preschool Gardening: Soil, Salads, and Smiles



Adults and preschool children learn all about spring gardening while digging in the dirt, using mini wheelbarrows and hand tools, and finding out how to grow their own food in the gardens at Hilltop. Each week has a planned activity that will expand your family's knowledge of nature and gardening. We even have indoor classroom space if it gets rainy!

Tu 4/3–4/24 • 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Register by 3/29 (Code 17506-A)

W 5/2–5/23 • 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Register by 4/26 (Code 17506-B)

\$25/in-city, \$30/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent.

Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, 2367 E. 10th St.

WEDNESDAYS

Turf Time for Toddlers

See Mondays.

Toy Time for Toddlers

See Tuesdays.

Basketball Future Stars



Give your preschooler a chance to explore the game of basketball! Young players get a foundation in skills with age-appropriate drills that teach the basics of dribbling, shooting, and passing. Instructors: Twin Lakes Recreation Center basketball staff

W 1/11–2/15 • 6–6:45 p.m.

Register by 1/6 (Code 95016-B)

\$50 • For ages 4–6 yrs.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Preschool Gardening: Soil, Salads, and Smiles

See Tuesdays.

THURSDAYS

Toy Time for Toddlers

See Tuesdays.

Tumble Weeds

Leap and stretch, tumble and bend! Children in this class increase motor skills, balance and flexibility as they learn somersaults, walk the balance beam and more! **Child must be the age stated by the first day of class.**

Th 1/5–2/9 • 10–10:45 a.m.
Register by 1/3 (Code 17510-A)

Sa 1/7–2/11 • 10:45–11:30 a.m.
Register by 1/4 (Code 17510-B)

\$45/in-city, \$50/non-city • For ages 3–4 yrs. w/parent.
Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Kindermusik—Our Time for Toddlers

This class encourages your child to uncover an engaging musical world while building confidence, self-control and communication skills. Toddlers engage in singing, imitating sounds, rhyming, and object identification to foster language skills. Creative movement to various musical “moods” develops a sense of balance, timing, and spatial awareness. Specially designed instruments, exploration, movement and storytime encourage emergent literacy and help make this class enjoyable for caregivers and children alike. **Family materials are required, one per family. Class does not meet March 12–16 unless a make-up date is necessary due to a previous weather cancellation.**

Th 2/2–4/26 • 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Register by 2/1 (Code 17501-A)

\$100/in-city, \$110/non-city
\$60 Family materials (Code 17501-B)
For ages 1–3 yrs. w/parent.
Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Signing Babies

Sign a song of bears, balls, or bubbles! Watch—can your hands say “music” to the beat? Use the power of music and play to create unique opportunities to share ASL signing with your child. Signing with young, hearing babies and children enriches their interactions, relieves frustration, and gives you fascinating insights into your little one’s thoughts and preferences. Signing facilitates early speech, vocabulary, and memory development. Through songs, toys, and playtime, this class will teach more than 50 signs children can use to “talk” with parents. Class includes the book *Sign Language for Babies and Toddlers* by Christopher Brown and John Clements. Instructor: Lisa Bruns, Kindermusik Educator

Beginners
Th 2/2–3/8 • 9:30–10:15 a.m.
Register by 2/1 (Code 17508-A)

Continuation after Beginners
Th 3/22–4/26 • 9:30–10:15 a.m.
Register by 3/21 (Code 17508-B)

\$60/in-city, \$75/non-city • For ages 6–24 mos. w/parent.
Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Books in the Great Outdoors/ Born Learning™ at Clear Creek Trail

Blankets, books, and the Born Learning™ Play Path at the Clear Creek Trail are waiting for you! Practice reading the trail signs and participate in the suggested activities. At the end of the trail get comfy under the shade trees and listen to some of the best children’s books.

Th 4/26 • 10 a.m.–Noon
FREE • For ages newborn–5 yrs. w/parent.
Clear Creek Trail, That Road trailhead

FRIDAYS

Toy Time for Toddlers

See Tuesdays.

Physical Fridays

Each Friday the gym at the Banneker Center buzzes with preschool play. Your energetic child will love all the active, free-play options: mini basketball, hula hoop, riding toy cars, jumping, and running!

F 10 a.m.–Noon
FREE • For ages 1–5 yrs. w/parent.
Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

SATURDAYS



Kindermusik Sampler

See Tuesdays.

Tumble Weeds

See Thursdays.

Tee Ball Sport Shorties

Sport Shortie participants learn the basic skills of baseball in a fun and safe atmosphere. Parent participation is welcome and encouraged. **In case of inclement weather, call the Sports Hotline at 349-3610.** Price includes a team T-shirt. No games on May 26. There is one built-in rain date on June 16. Teams will be determined after the registration deadline. Parents will be notified of team placement by phone prior to season. For more information, contact Karen Serfling at 349-3746.

Sa 4/28–6/9 • Times TBD • Register by 4/20
For ages 3–4 yrs. w/parent (Code 17509-A)
For ages 5–6 yrs. w/parent (Code 17509-B)

\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city
Lower Cascades softball fields, 2851 N. Old State Rd. 37
Volunteer coaches needed: If interested in coaching, contact Kim Ecenbarger at 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov.

Coaches’ orientation: Thur., April 19 at 6 p.m. at the Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

OTHER SPORTS

FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA
2100 S. Henderson St.
ICE INFORMATION HOTLINE: 349-3741

Public Skating

\$5 admission • \$2.50 skate rental

Monday through Thursday: Noon–2:30 p.m.

Friday: 7–9 p.m.

Saturday: 12:30–2 p.m.

7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating)

9:15–11 p.m. (Night Owl)

Sunday: 3–5 p.m.

Learn-to-Skate Lessons

Lessons for children ages 3 yrs. and up begin in January! See our Web site for class schedule and descriptions.



February 11–March 31

\$60 • Register by 2/3.

Players registering after 2/3 will be assessed a \$10 late fee.



Season III—Pre-K League

This league focuses on building the basic fundamentals of basketball. Games begin Saturday, February 11.

**Banneker Community Center,
930 W. Seventh St.**

For more information, contact Leslie Brinson at 349-3735 or visit our Web site.



Bloomington Girls Softball

Intro League play involves the use of a cloth-filled leather ball, tees, and coach pitch. *A great first-time sports experience for youth ages 4–6 yrs.*
For more information contact Chris Truelock at 349-3774 or visit our Web site.

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**Saturday, February 18
1–4 p.m.**

**Fairview Elementary School,
500 W. Seventh St.**

The Children’s Expo features FREE health screenings for children ages five years and younger. Explore the expo hall with its interactive booths, live entertainment, and exhibitors with products and services just for children and families.



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Saturday, March 3 • 1–4 p.m.

For all ages. • FREE

**Monroe County Public Library,
303 E. Kirkwood Ave.**



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